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## CONSTITUTION

—OF—

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

(Concluded from last month.)

### ARTICLE VII.—THE PRAYER-MEETING.

**ALL THE ACTIVE** members shall be present at every meeting, unless detained by some actual necessity, and each active member shall take some part, however slight, in every meeting. To the above all the active members shall pledge themselves, understanding by "absolute necessity" some reason for absence which can conscientiously be given to their Master Jesus Christ. The meetings shall be held one hour, and at the close some time may be taken for introduction and social intercourse, if desired.

2. Once each month a consecration or experience meeting shall be held, at which each active member shall speak concerning his progress in the Christian life, or renew his vows of consecration. If any one chooses, he can express his feelings by an appropriate verse of scripture or other quotation.

3. At each consecration or experience meeting the roll shall be called, and the responses of the active members who are present, shall be considered as a renewed expression of allegiance to Christ. *It is expected that, if any one is obliged to be absent from this meeting, he will send a request to be excused by some one who attends.*

4. If any active member of this society is absent from this monthly meeting and fails to send an excuse, the Lookout committee is expected to take the name of such a one, and in a kind and brotherly spirit ascertain the reason for the absence. *If any active member of the society is absent and unexcused from three consecutive meetings, such a one ceases to be a member of the society, and his name shall be stricken from the list of members.*

### ARTICLE VIII.—BUSINESS MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

1. Business meetings may be held at

the close of the evening prayer meeting or at any other time in accordance with the call of the President.

2. An election of the officers and committees shall be held once in six months. Names may be proposed by a Nominating committee appointed by the President.

### ARTICLE IX.—RELATION TO THE CHURCH.

This society being a part of the church, the pastor, deacons, elders or stewards and Sunday school superintendents shall be *ex officio* honorary members. Any difficult question may be laid before them for advice.

### ARTICLE X.—WITHDRAWALS.

Any member who may wish to withdraw from the society shall state the reasons in writing to the Lookout committee and pastor, and if these reasons seem sufficient, they may be allowed to withdraw.

### ARTICLE XI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Any other committee may be added and duties assumed by this society which in the future may seem best.

### ACTIVE MEMBER'S PLEDGE.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day, and to support my own church in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and mid-week services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Saviour, and that, just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life. As an active member I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and to take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor prayer-meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration-meeting of the society I will, if possible, send at least a verse of Scripture to be read in response to my name at the roll-call.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER'S PLEDGE.

As an Associate member I promise to attend the prayer-meetings of the Society habitually, and declare my willingness to do what I may be called upon to do as an Associate member to advance the interests of the Society.

### Y. P. S. C. E.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is doing encouraging work. At the meeting held on Tuesday evening, April 15th, there were about fifty in attendance, and nearly all the members of the society took part in the services. There were six new applications for membership. One young man arose and requested the prayers of the society, that he might become a Christian. We feel rejoiced to see how the Lord is pleased to be in this work and to bless it. Our young people can testify to the good which they are receiving from this society, and from their meetings. Already the fruits are manifest of their endeavors in leading others to Christ. We predict that this society will be one of the most efficient auxiliaries of the church, in advancing its interest among the young people, and its influence cannot help, but be felt also by the older members and friends of the church. The young people of any church can wield an amazing power for good among their associates if their energies are rightly directed, and they are united in their Christian endeavors. With the motto: "For Christ and His Church," and reliance upon the Master for help, success is certain. We shall hope to see all the young people of Grace Church enlisted in this blessed work in the near future. The society has a committee of two appointed to receive the young people who come to our Sabbath services. This committee has been doing encouraging work, and is meeting a long-felt want of the church. The Lord bless our young people's society.

J. L. HORN has again gone into the business of repairing umbrellas, sweepers, wringers, &c. Grinding and filing done. You will find him conveniently located at No. 13 W. Berry street.

Several of the "fifty-cent shares" for missions, subscribed some three months ago, remain unpaid. If possible this should be paid at once.

The new addition to the Orphans' Home is already in process of erection. The cost will be about \$8,000.

Why not beautify the church lot with some flower beds?



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ON Whit-Sunday, May 25th, Grace Church will celebrate its seventh anniversary. The church will look forward to this event with eager anticipations. We have been greatly blessed during the present year, and our anniversary should be made an occasion of thanksgiving to Almighty God, for his goodness unto us. At this date we are not prepared to give a full outline of the services which we shall hold at this time. But in all probability services will be held during the greater part of the week preceding, thus affording the church another special season of grace, and also of soul-saving. There are a number of families available to the church at present. We were eager to gather them into the church during our Easter services, but it seems they were not yet quite prepared to take this important step. While the Lord was willing, and was seeking their salvation, their own hearts were not yet willing to yield to Christ. Our anniversary services will afford us an opportunity of laboring with these souls, and, if possible, win them for the Lord. For some months past, our church has been active in the field of harvest. The Lord has been giving us many souls, but we want more, and the Master is willing to give us many more, if we are but willing to continue our toils. We trust, indeed, that we are in the field of harvest to remain, and that the church shall have a continuous ingathering of souls. Let us make our seventh anniversary another special season of grace, and of bringing souls to our Lord. "Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

## EASTER-TIDE AT GRACE CHURCH.

Our Easter services which have just been concluded were of a very pleasant and profitable character. We only regret that not all of our people could attend the meetings during the week, and receive the full benefits of them. On Easter morning a very large and appreciative congregation was present to enjoy the services. All the available seating capacity of the church parlors was occupied, while many passed through the wearisome ordeal of standing during the entire service.

The baptismal and confirmation services were especially solemn and im-

pressive. It was an inspiring scene to witness so many consecrate themselves unto the Lord. Among this number of applicants who were received into the church, were heads of families, while others were of the young people and youth of the church and Sabbath-school. We are rejoiced to see so many added to our numbers, and we extend to these new members of the church a warm welcome, and will continue to remember them in our prayers, and give them such help in their Christian life as we shall be able.

The number of communicants on Easter morning was the largest in the history of the church. This is a service that should be regularly observed by every child of God. No one can safely absent himself from this sacrament of grace.

On Easter evening a service was held in which the different societies of the church took part. Miss Emma Neireiter and Miss Katie Vordermark of the Woman's Missionary Society read essays. Also, Miss Mollie Buckwalter who represented the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, read an essay, and Miss Lillie Walters of the same society gave a reading entitled Gethsamane. Miss Clara Pipenbrink also in behalf of the Young People's Society, sang a solo. The following were representatives from the mission band, Josie Zartman, reading of a paper, recitations, Barou Long, Freddie Vordermark, Minnie Horn, Gloe Miller, Anna Souder, Myrtle Long, Rosa Dukeman, a little song. These exercises throughout were very entertaining. The Easter offering amounted to \$17.46. The Easter-tide has now gone by, but shall long be remembered by the members of Grace Church, as having been a most refreshing season of grace, and may the Lord give unto us many more such seasons of the outpouring of His spirits and of His blessing.

## SALEM'S REFORMED CHURCH—DUTCH RIDGE.

The annual congregational meeting of this church was held on Easter Monday. A new constitution was adopted, and officers were elected. F. P. Otto was elected elder, and John Warner, deacon. At the services in the evening these brethren were ordained and installed. The treasurer made his report and was accepted by the church. An effort was made to organize a Women's Missionary Society, but final action was postponed until at a later meeting, when it is hoped the ladies may be ready to undertake this work.

Recently the cemetery adjoining the

church property was tiled at quite an expense of means and labor. This burial-place is now one of the best drained in the country. Mr. Harrison Hensinger, deserves much credit for the interest which he took in this matter, and for the amount of work and soliciting which he did. The perseverance which he manifested is proof of the fact, that if a man has the will and the push, a work can be done.

The Sabbath school of the Salem church has been reorganized for the summer with Mr. Ed. Gloyd as superintendent. The school starts out with the promise of doing a good work. All the families in the community should be interested in this work. Not only the children, but also the parents should be in the school. No one ever becomes too old or wise to receive still further benefit from the study of God's word.

April the 15th, Mr. Harrison Hensinger visited the parsonage in behalf of the Salem's Church, and brought with him from those people a large supply of grain for the pastor's horse, also potatoes and other articles for the pastor's family. All these articles are very thankfully received, and are the tokens of the good will of those people. We understand that some of these things have been donated by families, that are not connected with the Salem's Church but have a kind feeling toward the church and the pastor. May the Lord abundantly bless all those people, for their kindness, and enrich their hearts with grace and joy, and enable them to realize that, "God loveth a cheerful giver."

THE "little folks" are succeeding very nicely with their barrels. Some are already filling their second barrels with pennies, nickles and quarters. These barrels will be called in some time about the middle of May, when the contents will be counted, and an entertainment will be given by the Mission Band. The two, having the largest amounts in their barrels, will receive prizes. The names of all having barrels will be published in the VISITOR and the amounts of money they have solicited. We want the "little folks" to do their very best, and see how much money they can raise.

There are still some of the families of the church that have not yet renewed their subscription for the VISITOR. They no doubt expect to receive the paper regularly, but they should order their names put on the subscription roll, and send in their 25 cents.



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### BRIEF AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Grace Church will celebrate its seventh anniversary, Whit-Sunday, May 25th.

Mrs. J. H. Dunlap has been ill for some time past, but is now slowly convalescing.

The card system adopted in the Sabbath-school brings the children and teachers out in time.

Deacon Lonergan has been confined to his house with a severe attack of cold, bordering on lung fever. It is hoped he will soon be able to be about again.

The pastor expects to preach a second series of Sabbath evening sermons on "Home," or rather complete the series of last winter, beginning about the 1st of May.

The ladies are meeting with good success in securing \$5.00 shares for the parsonage lot indebtedness. The canvass has not been completed. Possibly they may have to make the round the second time. They will not let up until they reach \$500.00.

At the April meeting of the consistory the deacons were instructed to issue quarterly statements to the members of the church, so that all may know how their accounts stand with the church. It is hoped that by this method fewer errors may occur in accounts, and also a more prompt payment of subscriptions may be secured.

Mrs. Cane, a former member of Grace church, now of Seattle. W. T., attended our services Sabbath morning, April 13. She was delighted to worship with the people of Grace church once again, and every person was glad

to see her. She will spend some time at Philadelphia, and the remaining part of the summer at Fort Wayne, when we shall expect to see her at our services often.

The following persons were received into membership, with the church during our Easter services. By confirmation, Etta Souder, Carie Souder, Anna Souder, Josie Zartman, John Monn, John Vordermark, Elmer Bilzer, John Bilzer, John Snyder, Mary Snyder. Baptism and confirmation, Walter Hobson, Martha Hobson, Alice Conet, Gloe Miller, Salinda Schrack, Viola Schrack, Sadie Snyder, Lorenzo H. Nickerson. Reprofeffion, Anna Hobson, Sarah Knight, Letter, Rosina Nickerson, John L. Horn, Nettie N Horn. Infant baptism, March 16, George Samuel, son of George and Katie Saffern.

On the evening of April 15, Miss Rosa Thompson, who has been failing in health for some weeks past, was received into the church by baptism. Also at the same time, by baptism, her father, Owen Thompson, her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Baker, and her cousin, Mrs. Emma Miller. Also the infant children, Charlie and Nettie May, of Mrs. Miller, received the sacrament of baptism. While the circumstances under which this service was held were very sad, we have witnessed few occasions so joyful as this. It was a reminder of apostolic days, when whole families were baptized and were added to the church. There have now been nearly forty accessions to the church within the last two months.

### PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, for Month of May.

May 6. "The Blessing of Confessing Christ." Mark viii, 34; II Tim. 1, 8-12; Mary Wilkinson.

May 13. "Our Enemies." Eph. V, 10-18. Maggie Haverly.

May 20. "How Can We Help Our Pastor in His Work?" II Thess iii. 1; Col. iv, 3; Ex. xvii. 8-13. Emma Neireiter.

May 27. Consecration Meeting. Sowing All the Time. Isa. xxxii, 1-20; Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

March 22, at 66 Monroe street, Mr. Alvin Walters was united in marriage to Miss Brittie Wetzel.

March 27, Mr. Emery Schneider, of the Salem Reformed Church, was married to Miss Lydia Amstutz, of near Leo, Ind. We wish for these young friends, a long, happy, and prosperous matrimonial life.

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St. Joseph Classis meets in annual session at Goshen, Ind., April 23. The meeting will in all probability continue until Friday night. Elder F. D. Paulus has been elected lay delegate to this meeting.

The Annual Sunday School Convention of St. Joseph Classis meets at the same place, the day previous. This will no doubt be a very interesting meeting. Mrs. F. D. Paulus and Mrs. John Vordermark are delegates from the Grace Church Sabbath school to this convention.

The Women's Classical Missionary Society will also hold its annual sessions during these meetings. Mrs. A. K. Zartman and Mrs. John Vordermark will be representatives at this convention, while Josie Zartman will represent the Mission Band. These meetings ought to be well attended by representatives from all the pastoral charges, and should give a new inspiration to all the delegates for more effective work.

The pastor will be in attendance upon all these meetings and will be out of the city, nothing preventing, from Tuesday, April 22, until Saturday, April 26.

F. D. Paulus has removed his Implement Store from his former location, 18 West Columbia St. to 24 East Columbia St., directly opposite the Morgan and Beach hardware store. In his former location he was too crowded with his large stock of all kinds of farm implements. Go and see Mr. Paulus in his new quarters.

The "Orange Social" was a success. The ladies, in all, will net about \$30.00. Every person had a good time, Mart. Conet and Geo. Soliday especially so.

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